(d) To ensure expeditious completion of the project, in addition to normal budgetary support, an Agreement of US Dollors 127 million was signed in November, 1982 by the State Government of Bihar with the World Bank. The credit was fully disbursed by August, 1989. The Government of Bihar proposes to seek further lo an assistance from the World Bank for completion of the remaining part (Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project Phase-II) of the project.

Irrigation projects of Assam

712. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of Assam's irrigation projects which are lying with Government for clearance till date ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURECES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): A statement giving details of irrigation projects in Assam together whit their appraisal status is attached.

Statement

(Rs. in Crores/Benefits in Thousand Hectares)

Name of the Project	Estimated cost	Benfits in thousand hectares	Date of receipt in Central Water Commission	Status of Appraisal
A. *Major Projects*				
Pagladiya Dam . .	287·86	54·16	6/90	Considered by Advisory Committee in July 1990 and found acceptable subject to compliance of its observations on environmental and forest clearance, review of ground water utilisation and inclusion of hydro power enegration by the State Government.
B *Medium Proects*				
Burisuti Irrigation .	25·31	11·58	12/90	The State Government is required to comply with the observations of Central Water Commission on the modified project proposal.
Gerufella Irrigation .	28·63	10·58	9/90	The Project report was returned to the State Government in January, 1991 for submission of modified project report.

Brahmaputra Board, Assam

713. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURECES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Brahmaputra Board in Assam is almost non functional;

(b) what action Government are taking to re-activate the Board; and

(c) whether any plan and estimate has been submitted by the Board and if so, the action taken by Government so far thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The Brahmaputra Board continues to function as per functions evnisaged under the Brahmaputra Board Act, 1980.

(c) The following schemes prepared by the Brahmaputra Board have been sanctioned:—

(i) Harrang Drainage Improvement Scheme.

(ii) North-Estern Hydraulic and Allied Research Institute.

In addition, Project Report for Pagladiya Dam has been prepared for appraisal.

Modernisation of Sone canal

714. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sone catchment and command area irrigates an area of nearly eight lakh hectares;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Sone canal modernisation scheme is pending with the Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is prepared to provide financial assistance for this modernisation scheme; and

(d) if so, by what time Government propose to clear the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Sone Canal Modernisation Project with a Culturable Command Area of 5.6 lakh hectares envisages annual irrigation of about 9 lakh hectares.

(b) and (d) The Sone Canl Modernisation Project Phase-I covering a Command Area of 30,000 hectares was examined and found techno-economically acceptable for investment clearance provided State Government re-formulate the scheme in the light of the diagnostic studies suggested by the Planning Commission and update the cost estimates. The re-formulated proposal for phase-I costing Rs. 281 crores has been recently received in January, 1992 in Central Water Commission.

(c) The World Bank Mission had visited the project in the year 1989. As per Bank suggestions, the project proposals are required to be re-formulated by the State Government. In the meanwhile, Dumraon branch canal of the Sone Canal system has been included in the National Water Management Project and the improvement works covered therein have been provided with assistance from the World Bank.

Floods in Bihar

715. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tributaries of Ganga and Sone rivers flood the plains of Central Bihar every year, while these areas also suffer from drought at other times of the year;

(b) whether the construction of dams and barrages on these rivers is likely to regulate the flow of water in a scientific way;

(c) whether such schemes are pending with the Central Water & Power Commission; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Flooding in Central Bihar does occur due to some tributaries of Ganga and Sone rivers, but no significant drought damages are reported by the State Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

अन्तर-राज्यीय जल विवाद

716. श्री ईश दत्त यादव :
कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे :

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अन्तर-राज्यीय जल विवादों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इन विवादों में से प्रत्येक की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है; और

(ग) इन विवादों में से प्रत्येक को हल करने के लिए सरकार ने अब तक क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) से (ग) अन्तर्राज्यीय जल विवादों के बारे में सूचना संबंधी विवरण संलग्न है।